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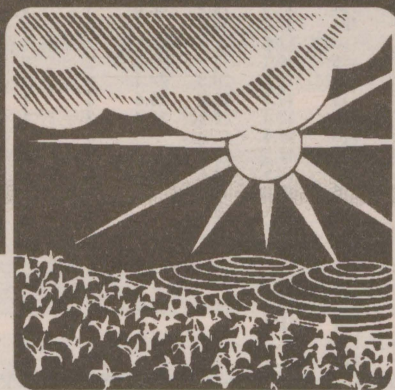
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The next released format of these data is on computer diskettes, which include a hybrid selection computer program described in another section of this report. These diskettes are usually available a week to 10 days after the data are released on the World Wide Web.

The final format is the printed version, which is printed and distributed by *Iowa Farmer Today* in its Dec. 16, 2000 issue. A few days later, the printed reports also are available from county extension offices.

The presentation of data for the hybrids tested does not imply approval or endorsement by the authors or the agencies sponsoring or conducting the test. Entries in Tables 1 and 2 are designated by brand name and variety.

Use of These Data in Advertisements

Iowa State University and the Iowa Crop Improvement Association desire to maintain the credibility of data from the Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn. Misuse of these data in advertisements can have a negative effect on the perception of the value of these data. For advertising purposes, brand-to-brand comparisons should not be made unless more than one competitor brand is used in the ad and all entries of competitor brands in a reported table are included in the ad. Advertisement statements by an individual company about the performance of its entries can be made as long as they are accurate statements about the data as published with no reference to other companies' hybrids. A statement similar to: "See the official *Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn* report, PM 660 (1-7) 00, for details," should be included in the ad.

2000 Procedure

Producers of seed corn and Iowa State University were eligible to enter hybrids in the Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn. Each producer was allowed a maximum of nine paid entries per district. All commercial entries had to be available in a quantity of at least 10 bushels of seed.

In 2000, data are reported on 227 entries in this district. Fourteen of the entries determined to be check hybrids were entered by the Iowa Crop Improvement Association. In June, survey cards were mailed to a random sample of corn growers in Iowa. Based on the survey results, the 14 hybrids grown on the most acres in a district were classified as check hybrids for that district. The check hybrids (\$ and !) in this report were determined

by the 1999 survey. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association entered a maximum of three check hybrids of any given brand. These entries were given priority over the remaining 213 entries made by seed producers.

Each entry was replicated four times in four-row plots at a planting rate of 29,000 kernels per acre at each location. All locations were machine planted. The center two rows of each plot were harvested with a corn combine. No gleanings or dropped ears were included in yield data. A moisture determination was made from each plot and yields were corrected to 15.5 percent moisture for shelled corn.

Since 1988, data for protein, oil, and starch percentages have been included in the *Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn* reports. Protein, oil, and starch were measured on an Infratec 1225 near-infrared transmittance analyzer calibrated against accepted chemical methods as done by Woodson-Tenant Labs, Des Moines, Iowa. Charles R. Hurburgh, Jr. of the ISU Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering was responsible for analyzing the samples. Samples for nutrient analysis were collected from one field in each district. Data presented are averages of the four replicated plots in that field. To be consistent with the yield data, the protein, oil, and starch data were corrected to 15.5 percent moisture.

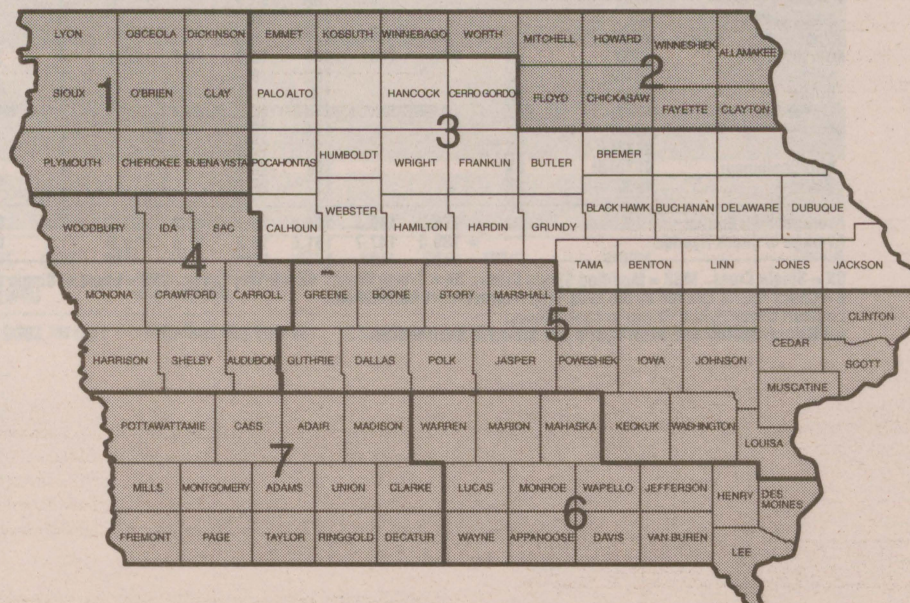
How Information Is Presented

The agronomic data presented are averages of two locations in 1998 and three locations in 1999 and 2000. Yield in bushels per acre and percentages of moisture, root lodging, stalk lodging, dropped ears, stand, protein, oil, and starch are shown for all entries in 2000 and for those tested in 1998 and 1999 that were in the 2000 test.

Interpretation of Results

Yield differences due to variation in soil, fertility, moisture availability, insect infestation, and diseases, plus any variation due to planting and harvesting techniques, are identified through statistical analysis. The LSD values for yield shown in Tables 1 and 2 represent, in bushels per acre, the amount of yield variation that could be due to variations in the factors just mentioned. In comparing varieties, yield differences greater than the LSD value can be attributed to genetic differences in the yield potential of these varieties; yield differences less than the LSD value are not statistically different and could have been due to other factors.

Grain moistures shown in Tables 1 and 2 are indications of maturity and natural drying rate. Maturity of varieties entered generally ranged from short to full season. Yield comparisons should be made among varieties of similar maturity.



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Table 2. Averages of 1999-00 and 1998-00 of Varieties Tested in District 3.
LSD for Yields Are 5 Bushels for 98-00 and 6 Bushels for 99-00.

98-00 Protein LSD = 0.2. 98-00 Oil LSD = 0.1. 98-00 Starch LSD = 0.2.
99-00 Protein LSD = 0.2. 99-00 Oil LSD = 0.1. 99-00 Starch LSD = 0.3.

Brand	Variety	Cross	Yield Bu/A		Moisture Pct		Root Ldg Pct		Stalk Ldg Pct		Drop Ear Pct		Stand Pct		Protein Pct		Oil Pct		Starch Pct		Variety	Brand
			98-00	99-00	99-00	98-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00	98-00	99-00		
U.S. Seeds	USC1009	SX		144	13.3			0		5		0		87		8.0		3.6		60.6	USC1009	U.S. Seeds
Middlekoop	M902	SX		149	13.8			3		5		0		90		7.9		3.8		60.9	M902	Middlekoop
Rainbow	3020	SX		145	14.7			7		4		0		91		7.8		3.8		60.8	3020	Rainbow
Epley	EX1510Bt	SX		150	14.8			1		8		0		92		7.8		3.9		61.1	EX1510Bt	Epley
U.S. Seeds	USC1029Bt	SX		148	15.0			1		10		0		92		7.6		3.9		61.0	USC1029Bt	U.S. Seeds
DEKALB	DK537	SX	165	163	15.5	16.5	8	0	2	2	0	0	92	93	7.4	7.5	3.5	3.5	61.6	61.5	DK537	DEKALB
Hobart	4020	SX		153	15.6			2		7		0		89		7.7		3.6		61.1	4020	Hobart
\$DEKALB	DK545BtY	SX		154	15.7			1		8		0		93		7.6		3.7		61.1	DK545BtY	\$DEKALB
Epley	EX2422	SX		159	15.8			1		5		0		94		7.8		3.5		61.0	EX2422	Epley
Golden Harvest	H2390	SX	155	163	15.8	16.9	1	0	2	2	0	0	89	90	8.1	8.3	3.5	3.5	60.9	60.9	H2390	Golden Harvest
Hobart	4010	SX		158	15.9			0		4		0		91		7.8		3.6		61.1	4010	Hobart
Uthoff	U81	SX		159	16.0			1		5		0		91		7.4		4.0		61.3	U81	Uthoff
Middlekoop	M905Bt	SX		156	16.3			1		1		0		92		7.5		3.7		61.4	M905Bt	Middlekoop
DEKALB	DK567	SX		159	16.4			0		8		0		91		7.7		3.6		61.3	DK567	DEKALB
\$DEKALB	DK580BtY	SX		156	16.5			0		5		0		92		7.9		3.8		60.8	DK580BtY	\$DEKALB
Hill Seed	EX104	SX		158	16.5			1		6		0		92		7.9		3.7		60.9	EX104	Hill Seed
Golden Harvest	H8067Bt	SX		165	16.6			0		1		0		94		8.0		3.7		60.7	H8067Bt	Golden Harvest
Hill Seed	EX105	SX		158	16.8			1		4		0		91		7.7		3.6		60.9	EX105	Hill Seed
Garst	8692t	SX		146	16.9			1		3		0		90		8.3		3.7		60.8	8692t	Garst
Hobart	4840	SX	157	156	17.0	18.4	5	0	3	4	0	0	89	90	7.3	7.2	3.5	3.6	61.6	61.5	4840	Hobart
Mycogen	2657	SX		167	17.1			2		2		0		88		7.4		4.0		60.9	2657	Mycogen
Cornelius	C507	SX	169	166	17.3	18.0	14	2	4	6	0	0	91	91	7.7	7.9	3.6	3.7	61.1	60.8	C507	Cornelius
Rainbow	3122	SX		160	17.4			2		6		0		91		7.6		3.7		61.1	3122	Rainbow
Mycogen	2652	SX		167	17.4			1		6		0		93		7.9		3.8		60.6	2652	Mycogen
Ottillie	4911	SX		167	17.5			3		6		0		94		7.6		3.6		61.3	4911	Ottillie
U.S. Seeds	USC1069Bt	SX		160	17.6			3		6		0		92		7.5		3.7		61.3	USC1069Bt	U.S. Seeds
DEKALB	DK589BtY	SX		158	17.7			1		3		0		90		7.5		3.7		61.0	DK589BtY	DEKALB
FS	5308	SX	163	164	17.8	18.7	13	1	4	5	0	0	90	91	7.3	7.4	3.7	3.8	61.4	61.3	5308	FS
#KSC/Challenger	9911A	SX	170	166	17.8	19.3	13	3	3	4	0	0	90	90	7.5	7.5	3.5	3.5	61.1	61.4	9911A	#KSC/Challenger
KSC/Challenger	9010Bt	SX		167	17.8			1		3		0		89		7.5		3.8		61.2	9010Bt	KSC/Challenger
Hill Seed	HSX1099	SX		161	17.9			1		6		0		90		8.0		3.8		60.6	HSX1099	Hill Seed
Wilson	1580	SX		162	17.9			1		3		0		91		7.8		4.0		60.8	1580	Wilson
Dairyland	ST1507	SX		161	17.9			2		6		0		91		7.7		3.7		61.2	ST1507	Dairyland
Prairie Gold	PG1632	SX	163	162	17.9	19.2	8	2	3	5	0	0	90	92	7.5	7.7	3.5	3.6	61.2	61.2	PG1632	Prairie Gold
Hill Seed	EX111	SX		156	17.9			3		5		0		90		7.5		3.8		61.1	EX111	Hill Seed
Kruger	9513	SX	169	162	18.0	19.1	13	2	4	5	0	0	91	91	7.2	7.5	3.5	3.6	61.5	61.4	9513	Kruger
Asgrow	RX601YG	SX		172	18.0			0		4		0		90		7.2		3.7		61.5	RX601YG	Asgrow
Hawkeye Hybrid	SX33	SX		163	18.0			1		6		0		91		7.9		3.8		60.9	SX33	Hawkeye Hybrid
Renze	6320	SX		158	18.0			1		8		0		92		7.9		3.6		61.1	6320	Renze
#Kruger	9810	SX	171	166	18.0	19.3	6	0	4	5	0	0	88	89	7.8	8.1	3.2	3.3	61.5	61.5	9810	#Kruger
U.S. Seeds	USC1099	SX		165	18.1			1		6		0		92		7.8		3.7		60.8	USC1099	U.S. Seeds
Desoy	9614A	SX	171	171	18.1	19.6	14	2	2	2	0	0	90	91	7.1	7.3	3.5	3.6	61.7	61.4	9614A	Desoy
FS	6576	SX	171	165	18.1	19.1	13	1	3	4	0	0	91	93	7.3	7.5	3.5	3.6	61.5	61.2	6576	FS
Prairie Gold	PG1586	SX	154	154	18.2	19.0	17	1	3	4	0	0	89	90	7.8	7.8	3.5	3.6	61.0	61.1	PG1586	Prairie Gold
Rainbow	3100	SX	169	167	18.2	19.4	11	1	2	3	0	0	91	92	7.0	7.2	3.6	3.6	61.7	61.6	3100	Rainbow
NetSeeds	NET1105	SX		160	18.2			3		5		0		92		7.3		3.6		61.5	NET1105	NetSeeds
Great Lakes	5816	SX	167	163	18.2	19.1	14	2	4	4	0	0	91	92	7.3	7.4	3.5	3.5	61.6	61.6	5816	Great Lakes
#Middlekoop	M711	SX	166	162	18.3	19.5	4	3	2	3	0	0	88	89	7.1	7.1	3.6	3.6	61.5	61.9	M711	#Middlekoop
Wilson	1664	SX	167	160	18.3	19.6	13	3	3	4	0	0	90	91	7.0	7.1	3.6	3.6	61.8	61.7	1664	Wilson
Dairyland	ST1410	SX	170	165	18.3	19.3	18	3	4	4	0	0	91	93	7.2	7.3	3.7	3.7	61.4	61.3	ST1410	Dairyland
Renk	RK864	SX	169	167	18.3	19.6	18	4	2	3	0	0	93	94	6.9	7.1	3.5	3.5	61.9	61.7	RK864	Renk
NetSeeds	NET1093	SX		158	18.3			0		5		0		88		8.0		3.8		60.7	NET1093	NetSeeds
Hobart	4650	SX	169	165	18.4	19.9	12	4	3	4	0	0	89	90	7.1	7.4	3.6	3.6	61.8	61.6	4650	Hobart
Pfister	2680	SX	170	169	18.4	19.7	13	2	3	4	0	0	91	92	7.0	7.4	3.6	3.6	61.9	61.5	2680	Pfister
Producers	716	SX	170	167	18.5	19.6	17	2	4	3	0	0	92	93	7.0	7.2	3.6	3.6	61.7	61.4	716	Producers
Merschman	M5110	SX	169	165	18.5	19.8	12	2	3	4	0	0	88	89	7.1	7.3	3.6	3.5	61.5	61.5	M5110	Merschman
A+ Seeds	4112	SX	167	160	18.5	19.8	12	1	3	3	0	0	89	88	7.1	7.3	3.6	3.6	61.7	61.4	4112	A+ Seeds
Epley	EX2480																					

District 3

Designations Identifying Brands in the Test

A+ Seeds	A+ Seeds, Elkader, IA 52043 319-245-1125
Ag Source	Ag Source Seeds, Inc., Boone, IA 50036 515-432-8100
Agrigold	Agrigold Hybrids, Inc., St. Francisville, IL 62460 618-943-5776
Agripro	Garst Seed Co., Slater, IA 50244 515-233-4053 Ext 348
AgVenture	AgVenture of Iowa, Inc., Elgin, IA 52141-0237 319-426-5585
Asgrow	Monsanto, DeKalb, IL 60115 815-758-9323
*Cargill	Cargill Hybrid Seeds, West Des Moines, IA 50266 515-222-9541
Cornelius	Cornelius Seed, Bellevue, IA 52031 319-672-3463
Crows	Crow's Hybrid Corn Co., Milford, IL 60953 815-889-4151
Curry	Curry Seed Co., Elk Point, SD 57025 605-356-3366
Dairyland	Dairyland Seed Co. Inc., West Bend, WI 53095 262-338-0163
*DEKALB	Monsanto, DeKalb, IL 60115 815-758-9323
Desoy	Dennis Ewing, Ames, IA 50010 800-368-9528
Epley	Epley Bros. Hybrids, Inc., Shell Rock, IA 50670 319-885-6293
Fontanelle	Fontanelle Hybrids, Fontanelle, NE 68044-2505 402-721-1410
FS	Growthmark, Inc., Bloomington, IL 61702 309-557-6398
*Garst	Garst Seed Company, Grimes, IA 50111 515-986-3919
Garst/Agripro	Garst Seed Co., Slater, IA 50244 800-831-6630
*Golden Harvest	Golden Seed Co., Cordova, IL 61242 800-421-1196
Golden Harvest	The J. C. Robinson Seed Co., Waterloo, NE 68069 800-228-9906
Great Lakes	Great Lakes Hybrids, Ovid, MI 48866 800-257-7333
Hawkeye Hybrid	Hawkeye Hybrids, Inc., Pella, IA 50219 641-628-3827
Hermann	Hermann's Hybrids, Manchester, IA 52057 319-927-2191
High Cycle	Trelay Seeds, Livingston, WI 53554 608-943-6363
Hill Seed	Hill Seed Co., Ellsworth, IA 50075 515-836-2141
Hobart	Hobart Bros. Seed Co., Lake City, IA 51449 712-464-7651
Jung	Jung Seed Genetics, Randolph, WI 53956 920-326-5891
Kruger	Kruger Seed Company, Dike, IA 50624 800-772-2721
KSC/Challenger	KSC/Challenger Seed, Dike, IA 50624 319-989-2414
Kussmaul	Kussmaul Seed Co., Mount Hope, WI 53816 608-988-4568
LG Seeds	LG Seeds, Elmwood, IL 61529 309-742-2211
Mark	Mark Seed Co., Perry, IA 50220 515-465-2122
Merschman	Merschman Seeds, West Point, IA 52656 618-637-6111
Middlekoop	Middlekoop Seed, Corn., Inc., Packwood, IA 52580 319-695-3266
M/W Genetics	Midwest Seed Genetics, Carroll, IA 51401 815-889-4151
Mycogen	Mycogen Seeds, Indianapolis, IN 46268 317-337-7557
NC+	NC+ Hybrids, Lincoln, NE 68504 402-467-2517
NetSeeds	NetSeeds, Inc., Urbandale, IA 50322 515-331-0939
*NK Brand	Novartis Seeds, Inc., Ames, IA 50010 515-239-3505
Ottile	Ottile RO Seed, Marshalltown, IA 50158 641-753-5561
Pfister	Pfister Hybrid Corn Co., El Paso, IL 61738 309-527-6000
*Pioneer	Pioneer Hi-Bred Int., Inc., Johnston, IA 50131-0454 800-247-6803
Prairie Gold	Ramy International, Ltd., Mankato, MN 56001 507-387-4091
Producers	Producers Hybrids, Battle Creek, NE 68715 402-675-2975
PSA Genetics/Garst	PSA Genetics/Garst, Alta, IA 51002 712-296-3663
Rainbow	Rainbow Seeds, Inc., Oskaloosa, IA 52577 800-373-9401
Renk	Renk Seed Co., Sun Prairie, WI 53590 608-837-7351
Renze	Renze Hybrids, Inc., Carroll, IA 51401 712-669-3301
Stine	Stine Seed Company, Adel, IA 50003 800-362-2510
Trelay	Trelay Seeds, Livingston, WI 53554 608-943-6363
U.S. Seeds	United Suppliers, Inc., Eldora, IA 50627-0538 641-858-2341
Uthoff	Uthoff Hybrids, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319-848-4242
Wilson	Wilson Genetics LLC, Harlan, IA 51537 712-753-3841

* Companies with one or more check hybrids entered by the Iowa Crop Improvement Association.

The 2000 Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn Computer Diskette Order Form

Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn results are published each year to help farmers select corn hybrids. Since 1987 a computer version has been available that includes the information in the written reports and a program to calculate an economic return value for each hybrid based on farmer supplied expected corn price, final moisture, and drying and shrink costs. These inputs can easily be changed and the computer will calculate new economic return values for all hybrids. These values provide information on whether full season hybrids produce enough extra yield to compensate for drying costs. The computer program also can sort the hybrids by yield, moisture, adjusted economic value, root lodging, stalk lodging, dropped ears, protein, oil, starch, or brand.

For more information, call Extension Software Service at 515-294-8658. Or, if you want to order the program, please complete, cut out, and return the order form in this report.

Table 1. Average Performance of Varieties Tested in District 3. 29,000 Planting Rate. LSD for 2000 Yield in Bushels is 9, for 1999 is 9, and for 1998 is 12. 2000 Protein Pct LSD = 0.3. 2000 Oil Pct LSD = 0.1. 2000 Starch Pct LSD = 0.4.		Yield Bu/A		Moisture Pct		Root Ldg Pct		Stalk Ldg Pct		Drop Ear Pct		Stand Pct		Protein Pct		Oil Pct		Starch Pct		Variety	Brand							
Brand	Variety	Cross	1998	1999	2000	2000	1999	1998	2000	1999	1998	2000	1999	1998	2000	1999	1998	2000	1999	1998	Variety	Brand						
U.S. Seeds	USC1009	SX	136	151	13.4	13.3	0	0	8	3	0	0	88	87	8.8	7.5	3.4	3.9	61.0	60.2	USC1009	U.S. Seeds						
DEKALB	DK520	SX	133	153	13.5		0		11		0		84		8.0		3.5		61.4		DK520	DEKALB						
DEKALB	DK5212RY	SX	143	143	13.6		0		11		0		92		8.0		3.7		61.2		DK5212RY	DEKALB						
Crows	2178	SX	151	135			0		12		0		95		7.9		3.7		61.5		2178	Crows						
Agrow	RX452	SX	152	133			0		9		0		95		7.9		3.7		61.5		RX452	Agrow						
Midwest	4002	SX	140	157	14.9	13.7	0	4	1	0	0	0	89	89	8.3	7.4	3.7	4.0	61.1	60.2	4002	Midwest						
Epley	EX1510R	SX	147	152	14.1	15.6	2	1	10	5	0	0	93	92	8.3	7.2	3.8	3.9	61.3	60.6	EX1510R	Epley						
Agrow	RX350	SX	149	149			0		16		1		92		8.4		3.8		61.1		RX350	Agrow						
U.S. Seeds	USC1029B1	SX	150	146	14.2	15.9	2	0	15	4	0	0	93	92	8.0	7.1	3.7	4.0	61.4	60.6	USC1029B1	U.S. Seeds						
PSA Genetics/Garst	N4242B1	SX	153	143			0		12		0		92		8.1		3.6	3.7	61.5		N4242B1	PSA Genetics/Garst						
DEKALB	DK529	SX	141	149	14.3		2		5		0		92	91	91	7.9	7.3	3.4	3.5	62.1	61.1	61.8						
DEKALB	DK537	SX	170	161	16.4	14.3	16.7	18.7	0	0	22	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	85	91	91	7.3	3.4	3.7	3.5	61.2	61.1	61.8
Golden Harvest	GK537-38	SX	167	157			1		4		0		91		8.3		3.6		61.5		GK537-38	Golden Harvest						
DEKALB	DK580BY	SX	149	164	14.4	18.5			0	0	9	1	0	0	95	89	8.5	7.2	3.5	4.1	61.4	60.3						
Hobart	4020	SX	160	146	14.5	16.7			0	1	0	0	0	93	89	8.2	7.2	3.4	3.8	61.7	60.6	4020	Hobart					
Kussmaul	K208	SX	162	145			1		12	1	0		95		8.7		3.6		61.3		K208	Kussmaul						
KSC/Challenger	9008	SX	162	145			1		9		0		95		8.2		3.5		61.8		9008	KSC/Challenger						
U.S. Seeds	USC1001ND	SX	171	145			4		26		0		84		8.0		3.6		61.5		USC1001ND	U.S. Seeds						
Kussmaul	K108+	SX	144	144			5		15		0		91		8.2		3.3		61.5		K108+	Kussmaul						
Jung	2671	SX	163	144			0		9		0		96	93	8.5	7.0	3.3	3.8	61.3	60.8	2671	Jung						
Epley	EX2422	SX	156	162	14.6	17.0			1	0	9	4	0	0	96		8.5		61.3		EX2422	Epley						
U.S. Seeds	USC1059	SX	161	146			2		7		0		92		8.1		3.6		61.5		USC1059	U.S. Seeds						
Renk	RK786	SX	154	147			0		12		0		95		8.2		3.5		61.8		RK786	Renk						
Crows	351	SX	154	147			0		12		0		95		8.1		3.5		61.8		351	Crows						
Ag Source	EX2391	SX	168	147			2		8		0		89		7.9		3.4		61.3		EX2391	Ag Source						
KSC/Challenger	E2418	SX	152	147			0		7		0		89		7.9		3.4		61.3		E2418	KSC/Challenger						
Producers	641	SX	153	148			1		9		0		95		7.7		3.3		61.9		641	Producers						
Fontanelle	4081	SX	162	148			1		9		0		95		7.7		3.3		61.9		4081	Fontanelle						
Middlekoop	M1209	SX	142	148			3		10		0		93		7.6		3.2		61.4		M1209	Middlekoop						
Hermann	41	SX	150	148			3		10		0		93		7.6		3.2		61.4		41	Hermann						
KSC/Challenger	9104	SX	162	148			1		7		0		86		8.1		4.0		61.4		9104	KSC/Challenger						
Renze	6251	SX	171	149			0		7		0		91		7.9		3.1		61.5		6251	Renze						
Ag Source	5070	SX	143	149			0		7		0		91		7.9		3.0		61.5		5070	Ag Source						
Hill Seed	EX108	SX	159	159	14.9		3		10	3	0	0	93	93	7.8	7.1	3.4	4.1	61.1	60.7	EX108	Hill Seed						
Unifont	9508R1	SX	159	158	14.9	17.1		0	10	3	0	0	93	93	7.7	7.1	4.0	4.1	61.1	60.9	9508R1	Unifont						
Golden Harvest	H250	SX	160	149			2		9		0		93		7.9		3.9		60.9		H250	Golden Harvest						
U.S. Seeds	USC1079RR	SX	155	149			0		15		0		93		7.7		3.6		62.1		USC1079RR	U.S. Seeds						
Curry	4585	SX	166	149			1		8		0		93		7.9		3.6		62.1		4585	Curry						
Prairie Gold	PD1530	SX	151	149			0		4		0		92		7.9		3.6		62.3		PD1530	Prairie Gold						
Fontanelle	3020	SX	154	154			0		4		0		91	91	7.9	7.2	3.6	3.7	61.3	60.8	3020	Fontanelle						
Hobart	4810	SX	157	159	15.9	16.8		0	6	2	0	0	99	91	8.4	7.2	3.6	3.7	61.3	60.8	4810	Hobart						
Jung	2612	SX	162	151			0		12		0		91		7.9		3.1		62.5		2612	Jung						
Epley	E1579	SX	150	151			5		8		1		87		7.7		3.1		62.5		E1579	Epley						
Wilson	1364	SX	163	151			1		6		0		91		7.9		3.3		61.8		1364	Wilson						
Agrow	RX634	SX	162	152			1		7		0		94		8.0		3.5		61.9		RX634	Agrow						
SNK Brand	N9090	SX	170	152			3		7		0		94		8.0		3.5		61.9		N9090	SNK Brand						
High Cycle	HC350	SX	146	154			1		12		0		92		8.4		3.5		61.5		HC350	High Cycle						
Curry	7590	SX	151	153			0		6		0		92		8.0		3.6		61.7		7590	Curry						
DEKALB	DK547	SX	165	156	16.4	17.3		0	15	3	0	0	91	91	8.3	7.2	3.6	3.7	61.7	60.9	DK547	DEKALB						
Hill Seed	EX104	SX	151	162	15.5	17.9		1	1	0	0	0	94	89	8.5	7.3	3.5	3.9	61.3	60.3	EX104	Hill Seed						
DEKALB	DK548BY	SX	140	167	15.6	15.7		0	1	12	4	0	93	93	8.3	7.0	3.6	4.0	61.3	60.6	DK548BY	DEKALB						
Golden Harvest	H2380	SX	140	157	16.8	16.0	19.0	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	90	88	9.0	7.6	7.7	3.8	3.5	3.4	61.2	60.6	60.8			
Great Lakes	GK537-38	SX	167	157			1		4		0		91		8.3		3.6		61.5		GK537-38	Great Lakes						
Garst/Agripro	8509T	SX	158	157			0		8		0		91		8.2		3.6		61.3		8509T	Garst/Agripro						
FS	4481	SX	168	157			1		8		0		91		8.2		3.6		61.3		4481	FS						
IGarst	8692T	SX	145	147	15.8	18.0		1	0	3	3	0	0	91	89	8.9	7.8	3.7	3.8	61.3	60.3	8692T	IGarst					
DEKALB	DK525BY1	SX	151	161	15.5		0		10		0		91		8.3		3.6		61.5		DK525BY1	DEKALB						
Midwest	M905B1	SX	160	158	16.7		1		8	1	1	0	0	91	94	7.9	7.0	3.6	3.7	61.8	61.0	M905B1	Midwest					
9109B1	9109B1	SX	163	171	16.8		0		10		0		87		7.8		3.9		61.5		9109B1	Kruger						
Cornelius	2657	SX	167	159			0		8		0		92		7.4		3.9		60.9		2657	Cornelius						
Myogen	2657	SX	163	172	16.0	18.2		0	3	2	1	0	0	89	88	7.7	7.2	3.8	4.2	61.5	60.3	2657	Myogen					
KSC/Challenger	9106B1	SX	163	163			0		12		0		92		8.6		3.6		61.2		9106B1	KSC/Challenger						
Ontile	4611	SX	161	161			0		10		0		91		8.2		3.7		61.2		4611	Ontile						
Golden Harvest	H8087B1	SX	159	171	16.1	17.1		1	0	2	0	0	96	91	8.7	7.4	3.7	3.7	61.0	60.5	H8087B1	Golden Harvest						
Prairie Gold	PD1530	SX	151	162			4		29		0		91		8.1		4.4		59.8		PD1530	Prairie Gold						
U.S. Seeds	USC1051ND	SX	172	162			1		2	17	3	0	0	92	95	8.3	6.9	3.3	3.8	61.7	60.9	USC1051ND	U.S. Seeds					
Capelli	4911	SX	165	168	18.7		0		2	17	3	0	0	92	95	8.3	6.9	3.3	3.8	61.7	60.9	4911	Capelli					
U.S. Seeds	K1050	SX	146	163			2		2		0		84		7.9		3.5		62.0		K1050	U.S. Seeds						
PSA Genetics/Garst	NET1105	SX	165	156	16.4	20.1		3	2	9	2	0	0	93	91	7.6	6.9	3.4	3.7	62.0	61.1	NET1105	PSA Genetics/Garst					
DEKALB	DK589B2	SX	155	162	16.4	19.0		1	0	4	3	0	0	92	89	8.0	7.0	3.6	3.8	61.4	60.6	DK589B2	DEKALB					
Rainbow	RX350	SX	164	159	16.2	22.2		0	8		0		91		8.5		3.7		61.3		RX350	Rainbow						
Golden Harvest	H8582	SX	171	165			2		8		0		95	88	7.7	6.9	6.6	3.4	61.0	62.4	H8582	Golden Harvest						
Desoy	9614A	SX	173	175	16.6	18.6	19.6	22.7	5	0	38	2	0	0	92	88	7.7	6.9	6.6	3.4	62.0	61.1	9614A	Desoy				
U.S. Seeds	USC1069B1	SX	152	167	16.6	18.6		5	0	3	3	0	0	92	92	7.9	7.0	3.8	3.6	61.5	61.1	USC1069B1	U.S. Seeds					
Wilson	1364	SX	161	15																								

It is important to select varieties having stable performance over a range of environmental conditions. High yields for two or more consecutive years, Table 2, indicate stable performance. Supplemental yield and agronomic information about specific varieties may be obtained from seed corn dealers, crop consultants, and from neighbors who have grown these varieties.

The protein, oil, and starch percentage data (Tables 1 and 2) are quality traits important to different end-users of corn. For feed, protein is of primary interest; for wet-mill processing (ethanol and sweeteners), oil and starch content are important. Several firms have begun testing these characteristics on a routine basis. There are now more than 50 Iowa grain elevators with this testing capability.

Whole-grain near-infrared equipment measures composition of unground corn kernels in 1 to 1.5 minutes per sample. The equipment measures moisture simultaneously with composition. Using these instruments, country elevators can test and segregate grain as it is received. Obviously, all compositional factors cannot be high in the same hybrid. The grain market is expanding the production and marketing of certain hybrids for specific uses. This is an important change from the generic commodity approach widely used now.

The economic impact of compositional factors can be significant. Corn protein trades off with other protein sources in many feed rations. At \$200 per ton for 44 percent protein soybean meal, the value of a 1 percent increase (e.g., from 8 percent to 9 percent) in corn protein is about 12 cents per bushel of corn. Likewise, an additional percent of oil yields about 10 to 14 cents per bushel in increased oil output in a wet processing plant or when substituted for white grease in feed rations. The additional ethanol or sweetener from an extra percent of starch provides 8 to 10 cents per bushel more revenue. Producers feeding livestock are in the best position to capture immediate benefits from these composition data. Country elevators with feed mills also have the ability to capitalize on increased protein in corn. The Iowa Corn Growers Association has prepared a publication to aid growers in using the nutrient data in the *Iowa Crop Performance Test—Corn* reports: *Nutrient Content and Feeding Value of Iowa Corn*, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Des Moines, Iowa 50265.

Hybrids with similar yields and agronomic characteristics may not be identical in corn composition. Therefore, feed costs can be reduced by selecting higher protein hybrids from a group with similar yield potential. Weather and soil conditions affect composition, but the relative ranking of hybrids does not change greatly. A higher protein hybrid will be higher than average regardless of environmental conditions that raise or lower the averages. The protein percentages reported are measures of crude protein and may not give an accurate indication of feed value if feed rations are balanced on individual amino acids rather than crude protein content.

2000 Field Data

The District 3 test was planted on farms operated by Mick Reigelsberger near Rolfe in Pocahontas County, Richard Bertram near Holland in Grundy County, and Dave Broghammer near Manchester in Delaware County. Field data are presented in Table A.

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At planting time, subsoil moisture for the district ranged from dry in the west to adequate in the central and east. Rainfall for the district was below normal in April and well below normal in September. For the rest of the growing season, rainfall was variable for the district. In May, the Pocahontas County location received below normal rainfall while the other two locations received above normal rainfall. In June, the Pocahontas County location received near normal rainfall while the other two locations received well above normal rainfall. In July, the Delaware County location received near normal rainfall while the other two locations received well above normal rainfall. In August, the Pocahontas County location received well above normal rainfall while the other two locations received below normal rainfall. Temperatures for the district were above normal in April and August, way above normal in May and September, below normal in July, and well below normal in June. The average district yield was 15 bushels per acre above the mean of the five preceding years' averages. Average location yields are listed in Table A.

Table A. Field Data

	Reigelsberger Farm Nicollet loam			Bertram Farm* Tama silty clay loam			Broghammer Farm Kenyon loam		
Fertilizer applied, lb.	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
Plowdown	39	100	120	19	91	78	—	—	60
Preplant	130	—	—	140	—	—	200	—	—
Starter	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	20	—
Total	169	100	120	159	91	78	206	20	60
1999 crop	Soybeans			Soybeans			Soybeans		
Row width	30 inches			30 inches			30 inches		
Planting date	April 18			April 27			April 28 & 29		
Harvest date	Oct. 2 & 3			Sept. 23, 25 & 26			Oct. 4 & 5		
Average yield	187 bu/a			153 bu/a			155 bu/a		

*Field sampled for protein, oil, and starch percentage data.

Other Reports

Separate reports are available for each district shown in Figure 1. A limited supply of these publications is available at your county extension office or from Extension Distribution Center, 119 Printing and Publications Building, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011. Also, an IBM-compatible diskette containing these data along with a hybrid selection program is available from Extension Software Services, 110 EES Bldg., Haber Road, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3070. Along with all of the information as it appears in the written reports, the computer diskettes include computer programs that allow farmers to insert their own drying and shrink costs, expected price of corn, and final moisture percentage after drying. Using these specific criteria, the program calculates an adjusted economic value for each hybrid in the test. Farmers can then determine which hybrids might best fit their own production practices and provide the most profit. The computer program also can sort the hybrids by yield, moisture, adjusted value, root lodging, stalk lodging, dropped ears, protein, oil, starch, or brand and then print the data as sorted. An IBM personal or compatible computer supporting MS-DOS 2.0 or higher, with at least 512K memory, is required. The cost of this diskette is \$25. All seven districts can be purchased for \$150. Order forms, PM 660 OF 00, are available from county extension offices and included in the printed reports.

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